GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Medical Relief to Forest Staff and Labour.

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Correspondence ending with letter No. G. C. 290-3, dated 1st March 1928, from the Senior Surgeon in Mysore, stating with reference to the question of medical relief to the Forest Subordinates, Contractors and labour employed in Forests, that the class of medicine chests supplied to the Forest Officers is defective, that the contents of the chest may be improved as per revised list attached, at a cost of about Rs. 40 per chest and that the names of Range Officers to whom the improved chests may be supplied, may be intimated, so as to enable the Superintendent, Medical Stores, to arrange for supplies at the cost of the Forest Department.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. D1=273-2930-27, dated 18th April 1928, from the Chief Conservator of Forests, submitting his opinion in the matter.

3. Un-official Note No. 27, dated 3rd May 1928, from the Senior Surgeon in Mysore, on the subject.

ORDER NO. G. 269-72—FT. 198-27-9, DATED 7TH JULY 1928.

Government consider that the existing arrangements for medical relief to the Forest Officers, Subordinates, the Contractors of the Department and the labour employed in the Forests, are somewhat inadequate and require to be improved. The Chief Conservator of Forests and the Senior Surgeon have submitted their recommendations in the matter. Government have considered these recommendations and are pleased to direct as follows:—

1. The contents of the medicine chest supplied to the Forest Officers may be improved according to the list appended and the marginally* noted Range Forest Officers may be included in the list of Officers to whom medicine chests are to be supplied, the cost of the chests being met by the Forest Department.

*Mysore.**
Kakankote.
Begur.
Heggaddevankote.
Ainurmarigudi.
Hediyal.
Gundlupet.
Chamrajnagar.
Heggaddevankote Sub-Division Office.
Hassan District.
Manjarabad.
Kadur District.
Koppa.
Bhadravati.
Hebbe.
Muthodi.
Umblebyle.
Chickagrahar.
Danivasa.
Shimoga.
Sacrebyle.
Ripponpet.
Augumbe.
Hanagere.
Sagar.
Karadibetta.
Sagar.
Sorab.

2. The proposal of the Chief Conservator of Forests to authorise Sub-Assistant Surgeons in charge of Dispensaries to visit labour camps in Forests in their jurisdiction, on the requisition of the Range Forest Officer is approved. The travelling allowance charges on this account will be debited to the Forest Department.

3. The Sub-Assistant Surgeon at Nissen, Heggaddevankote Taluk, will be required to visit the Kurubar *hadies* and labour working inside the Heggaddevankote group of Forests, to afford them necessary medical relief. As this throws additional work on the Sub-Assistant Surgeon, Government are pleased to sanction to him a duty allowance of Rs. 20 per mensem, the cost of which will be debited to the Forest Department.

The scheme sanctioned above will be tried tentatively for a period of two years beginning from 1st July 1928, after which the whole situation may be reviewed and the question examined again in the light of the experience of its working during the period.

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General Secretary to Government.